

Appl. No. 10/632,075
Amdt. dated October 12, 2004
Reply to Office Action of July 27, 2004

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Cancelled): A coupler for attachment to a driving tool, comprising:
 - an axially elongate body having an open end and a hollow core;
 - a retractable keeper adjacent said open end and slidably received within said body, said keeper being oriented substantially orthogonally to said body elongate axis; and,
 - a spring attached to said keeper for urging said keeper to a closed position.

2. (Amended): A coupler for attachment to a driving tool, comprising:
 - an axially elongate body having a first closed end and a second open end and a hollow core;
 - said body having a threaded portion at said first end for attachment to the driving tool;
 - a retractable, planar keeper adjacent said second, open end and slidably received within said body, said keeper being oriented substantially orthogonally to said elongate body axis; and,
 - a spring attached to said keeper for urging said keeper to a closed position.

3. (Amended): A coupler for attachment to a driving tool, comprising:
 - an axially elongate body having a first closed end and a second open end and a hollow core;
 - said body having a threaded portion at said first end for attachment to the driving tool;
 - said body having a pair of parallel grooves disposed substantially orthogonally to the elongate axis of said body;
 - a planar keeper slidably received within said grooves, said keeper being positionable between a closed and open position; and,
 - a spring attached to said keeper for urging said keeper to a closed position.

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4. (Amended): A coupler for attachment to a driving tool for driving and pulling double-headed tent stakes, comprising:

an axially elongate body having an a first closed end, a second open end and a hollow core;

said body having a pair of parallel grooves within said body disposed substantially orthogonally to the elongate axis of said body;

a planar keeper slidably received within said pair of parallel grooves, said keeper being positionable between a closed and open position and having a notch for receiving the stake; and,

a coil spring attached to said keeper and passing around said body for urging said keeper to a closed position.

5. (Amended): A double-headed tent stake driver and puller, comprising:

a slide hammer including a shaft having an elongate portion and a distal end;

a coupler on said distal end of said shaft, said coupler having an axially elongate body, an a first closed end, a second open end and a hollow core;

said coupler further including a retractable planar keeper slidably received within said body disposed substantially orthogonally thereto; and,

a spring attached to said keeper for urging said keeper to a closed position.

6. (Amended): A double-headed tent stake driver and puller, comprising:

a slide hammer including a shaft having an elongate portion and a distal end;

a coupler on said shaft distal end, said coupler having an axially elongate body, an a first closed end, a second open end and a hollow core;

said coupler having a pair of parallel grooves within said body disposed substantially orthogonally to the elongate axis of said body;

a planar keeper slidably received within said grooves, said keeper being positionable between a closed and open position; and,

a spring attached to said keeper for urging said keeper to a closed position.

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7. (Amended): A double-headed tent stake driver and puller, comprising:

a slide hammer including a shaft having an elongate portion and a distal end;

a coupler on said shaft distal end, said coupler having an axially elongate body, ~~an a~~ a first closed end, a second open end and a hollow core;

said coupler further having a pair of parallel grooves within said body disposed substantially orthogonally to the elongate axis of said body;

a planar keeper slidably received within said pair of parallel grooves, said keeper being positionable between a closed and open position and having a notch for receiving the stake; and,

a coil spring attached to said keeper and passing around said body for urging said keeper to a closed position.